

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY FEDERAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 62

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 TO THE HONORABLE DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
6 STATES; THE HONORABLE ARTHUR SUMMERFIELD, POSTMASTER GENERAL OF
7 THE UNITED STATES; THE HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT AND THE HONORABLE
8 ERNEST GRUENING, SENATORS FROM ALASKA; AND THE HONORABLE RALPH J.
9 RIVERS, REPRESENTATIVE FROM ALASKA:

10 Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the State of Alaska in
11 First Legislature, Second Session assembled, respectfully submits
12 that:

13 WHEREAS, the United States already had the highest postal
14 rates for first class mail of any industrialized nation in the
15 world; and

16 WHEREAS, the United States only recently increased its postal
17 rates to an unprecedented and unwarranted high mark; and

18 WHEREAS, there is no more reason for the Postal Service to be
19 self-supporting than there is for the Army or the Navy or the
20 Department of the Interior; and

21 WHEREAS, it is unthinkable that the federal government should
22 once again increase postal rates on first class mail, especially
23 on air mail, above the present rates;

24 NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist urges that the federal govern-
25 ment refrain from increasing postal rates on first class mail and
26 that instead it seek ways to lower the operating expenses of the
27 Postal Service.